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## Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to provide you with this Life Care Planning packet created by the Arizona Attorney General's Office. This packet contains information and legal forms that can be very useful in planning and making legally binding decisions regarding your future health care.

Using the forms in this packet, you may choose someone to make decisions for your medical care in the event you are unable to do so yourself. You may also use these forms to appoint representatives to act for you under health care powers of attorney. Perhaps most importantly, the forms enable you to make your family and friends aware of your choices and wishes.

Please review this Life Care Planning packet carefully. If you decide that one or more of these forms will be helpful to you, fill out the form, have it witnessed as required by law, and inform your loved ones and health care providers. The General Information and Frequently Asked Questions in this packet contain easy to follow, step-by-step instructions. Feel free to make as many copies of these forms as your family needs.

While these forms address most medical and emergency care needs, they do not fulfill estate planning needs, especially for persons with substantial property. If you have questions about the disposition of your property upon your death or the care of your loved ones, be sure to consult a qualified estate planning attorney.

My Office recently produced a short informational video on Life Care Planning to accompany the packets. Both the video and the packet are available on the Attorney General's Office Web site at <a href="https://www.azaq.gov">www.azaq.gov</a> under the heading "Life Care Planning." Additionally, you may contact my Community Services Program at 602.542.2123 or toll-free at 800.352.8431 to locate or schedule a Life Care Planning presentation in your community. I hope that these resources are a helpful tool for you and your loved ones.

Sincerely,

Terry Goddard Arizona Attorney General